

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTY CORONERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-622, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE NEWLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED COUNTY CORONERS WITHIN ONE YEAR OF TAKING OFFICE TO ATTEND A CORONER'S SCHOOL EITHER SPONSORED OR ENDORSED BY THE IDAHO STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CORONERS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 28, TITLE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-2810, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY CORONERS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 34-622, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-622. ELECTION OF COUNTY CORONERS – QUALIFICATIONS. (1) At the general election, 1986, and every four (4) years thereafter, a coroner shall be elected in every county.

(2) No person shall be elected to the office of coroner unless he has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years at the time of his election, is a citizen of the United States and shall have resided within the county one (1) year next preceding his election.

(3) Each candidate shall file his declaration of candidacy with the county clerk.

(4) Each candidate who files a declaration of candidacy shall at the same time pay a filing fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) which shall be deposited in the county treasury.

(5) All newly elected or appointed county coroners shall attend a coroner's school within one (1) year of taking office. Such school shall be sponsored or endorsed by the Idaho state association of county coroners.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 28, Title 31, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 31-2810, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

31-2810. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. After January 1, 2010, each county coroner shall complete twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education on a biannual calendar basis. The Idaho state association of county coroners shall either sponsor or provide courses pursuant to this section and monitor this requirement.